



Minutes – November 7, 2022

The regular meeting of the Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) was held on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by the chair, Capt. Kevin Sweeney. Roll call was taken by the secretary, Mr. Brad Deacon, and the following Council members were present: Mr. Brad Deacon, Mr. John Dulmes, Mr. Jay Eickholt, Ms. Krystal Fields, Mr. Steven Frisbie, Mr. S. Tutt Gorman, Ms. Melissa Sherry (on behalf of Ms. Ginna Holmes), Mr. Jeff Parsons, Ms. Eileen Phifer, Mr. Jason Smith (on behalf of Ms. Linda Scott), Mr. Joseph Farro (on behalf of Mr. Kevin Sehlmeier), Capt. Kevin Sweeney, and Ms. Abigail Watkins.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Phifer moved to approve the November 7, 2022, agenda. Motion was supported by Mr. Eickholt. Agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Watkins moved to approve the August 8, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion was supported by Mr. Parsons. Minutes were approved as presented.

Reports of Committees

Citizen Corps

Ms. Melissa Sherry reported that CERT teams around the state have been invited to apply for the MLK National Day of Service grant. It is their hope the grants will be used to sponsor volunteer activities, such as training and recruitment. Their work continues on the statewide disaster and emergency response plans. A volunteer and donations series has been recorded, and they are developing a website that will provide information for CERTs, VOADs, and community organizations interested in working with emergency managers on disaster planning. Information will include support documents and training for volunteer and donations management, as well as specific types of disaster guidance. There are plans to issue grants to interested communities so they can assist with emergency planning in collaboration with their emergency managers. CERT teams are still involved in three ongoing initiatives. Seven long-term recovery groups are supporting the ongoing Southeast Michigan flooding. They have been helping with volunteer recruitment for clean-up activities. For the Gaylord tornado, they have provided coordination and support for nonprofits that are working on long-term recovery. They are assisting the construction management team with finding skilled trades and volunteers. They continue to support immunization clinics for Afghan evacuees, which will run through September. PPE is available to assist those organizations, and they are also funding donations to nonprofits.

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (EPCR)

Mr. Jay Eickholt reported the EPCR Committee met on August 31, at which time they had a presentation from the Department of Homeland Security, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program specialist on their Chem-Lock program. Chem-Lock is a voluntary program that provides facilities possessing dangerous chemicals no-cost services and tools to help them understand the risk they face and improve their chemical security. The EPCR Committee had adopted to bring on a program specialist and specialists abroad. As a result, 20 people now participate on the committee, with four or five serving as voting members and specialists at large, providing information from state and federal partners to communities and facilities. CFATS will also partner with the State Fire Marshal on fireworks inspection and storage concerns for roadside stands to ensure they know where and how items are being properly stored.

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Mr. Eickholt announced that the SARA Title III reporting season begins on January 1 and runs through March 1, 2023. Substantial software work was done this year, as there was an IT security issue last year forcing them to move the system off-line. They have since moved to a new server and security patches have been installed. They continue to work on getting additional counties added to the server to access their Tier II reports electronically. They will again be conducting in-person trainings in January and February 2023 for SARA Title III. Locations will likely be Gaylord, Lansing, Grand Rapids, and the Metro Detroit area. The announcement will be disseminated via the listserv.

Ms. Brenna Roos* reported they have been reviewing new and updated, off-site emergency response plans for SARA Title III sites in the state. They received 107 plans overall, which indicates emergency managers are doing their due diligence. They have received approximately 1,027 updates, and that number is also tracking because they usually receive 1,000 to 1,200 per year. All submitted plans have been accepted. There is approximately \$151,000 that will be split between LEPCs participating in the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant. Barring acceptance of the plans, payments will be organized in the upcoming weeks for new plans, with emergency management programs receiving a minimum of \$250. For updated plans, they will receive a flat rate of \$30 per update. All of the counties that participated in the HMEP grant this year also submitted for a support grant. This grant allows them to earn up to \$1,500, but they can also submit for reimbursement for what they spend and for whatever their emergency response activities were.

Mr. Gorman made a motion that the MCCERCC accept receipt of the 107 new plans and 1,027 plan updates, as collected and reviewed by the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division. Motion was supported by Mr. Frisbie. Motion approved.

Mr. Eickholt reported they are working with communities in Southeast Michigan on mitigation response plans for environmental emergencies that may occur from area industries. They are ensuring everyone in the community has access to information and a mobile device to receive information. They are working to bring together community groups, emergency management officials, and EGLE staff to develop a mitigation response strategy for communicating that companies have a Shelter in Place, whether via EAS broadcasting or another platform. Mr. Eickholt will serve as liaison between local emergency management programs in the area and EGLE's Office of the Environmental Justice Public Advocate to work with the community groups and ensure they have the information. If it is successful, they may look at expanding.

Hazard Mitigation

Ms. Eileen Phifer reported the Hazard Mitigation Committee convened a few times since the last Council meeting. They have been working to ensure the hazard mitigation section of the MCCERCC Annual Plan is accurate. Committee members were also asked to participate in a survey to obtain potential ideas for the project review and scoring criteria that was used. Because there is a considerable amount of money for hazard mitigation, they want to ensure they are consistent.

Mr. Matt Schnepf* reported that funding for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program becomes available after a declared disaster in the state of Michigan. There have been two disasters—COVID-19 and Southeast Michigan flooding. Because they were so close together, they are being treated as one application period. Application deadlines are January and February 2023. There is \$79 million available for the federal share. Project proposals were sought in February 2022, and they had consultants work with communities throughout this timeline. Currently, there are 34 applications for consideration for over \$200 million. Several are ones that were submitted but not selected last year for the national competition for BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) funding. The applications have been shared with FEMA for initial review and feedback on ways to improve them. The Hazard Mitigation Committee will meet and review the applications before they are submitted. Mr. Schnepf reported that FEMA opened the application period on September 30 for the FY 2022 BRIC and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. Project proposals were sought in September, and 23 notices of intent were received totaling \$236 million. Invitations to apply were sent out but not all will result in applications. There is \$2.3 billion available nationally, resulting in a state allocation of \$2 million for this year. Grants can be up to \$50 million, so with 2.3 billion available, they expect a lot of funding will be available. Final applications are due to FEMA by January 27

Mr. Greg Ostrander* reported that the Michigan Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) does not technically expire until April 2024, but the goal is to fully complete a draft for preliminary FEMA review by the end of November 2023 due to a lengthy and iterative approval process involving FEMA, EMHSD/MCCERCC, and the Governor's office. For MCCERCC feedback, he directed Council members to a one-page handout which

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includes hyperlinks to three different documents—the Michigan Hazard Analysis, which includes two editions, and the core MHMP. The handout includes a new, dedicated feedback email of MSP-MHMP-HazardFeedback@michigan.gov. An electronic version was also sent out. The goal is to encourage whole community feedback, with the intent for district coordinators, EMHSD planners, FEMA FIT, and Council members to utilize the handout as they interact with whole community stakeholders and applicable public forums. The process begins with hazard identification, then risk analysis, and ends with mitigation goals. They are interested in feedback from any part of the plan. The earlier in the process feedback can be received from MCCERCC members, the better.

Old Business

Mr. Jason Smith reported there has been an increase in cases and hospitalizations of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) nationally and in Michigan. They have been working with regional healthcare coalitions to monitor and track pediatric bed availability through larger healthcare systems. He stated there are currently 338 confirmed cases of Monkeypox in the state, with a larger concentration in the Metro Detroit area. To date, local health department healthcare providers within the state have administered 11,717 doses of JYNNEOS vaccine, 7,563 of which have been the primary dose, and another 4,154 as a booster. Currently, Michigan has an adequate inventory of JYNNEOS vaccine. They are still operating on a hub-and-spoke model, and local health departments are the primary administrator of the vaccine. A new drug called Tecovirimat is available in Michigan, which is an oral therapeutic for the treatment of Monkeypox. To date, 500 patient courses have been distributed to local health departments and requesting providers. Mr. Smith reported there are roughly 2.9 million cases of COVID-19 to date with another 39,400 deaths. This amounts to approximately 11.8 daily hospital admissions per 100,000 Michiganders. Omicron BA.5 is still the largest concentration, with 44.6 percent in Region 5. Michigan continues to see a steady rise in bivalent boosters administered. They have received roughly 1.8 million doses and administered approximately 720,000 doses. On October 12, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) for both Moderna and Pfizer, which are now permitting bivalent vaccines in younger age groups. It is recommended those five years and older receive one bivalent mRNA booster after completion of the FDA-approved or FDA-authorized monovalent primary series. On October 19, the CDC updated guidance for use of a monovalent Novavax vaccine booster for ages 18 and older in limited situations. Discussion of commercialization for the COVID-19 vaccination is ongoing. They expect adult vaccine commercialization around mid-2023 and the pediatric vaccine shortly thereafter. It is expected that a bivalent vaccine will be available for children six months to four years old by the end of 2022, but this is not confirmed. They are seeing a steady increase in utilization of oral antivirals throughout the state with between roughly 5,500 and 7,500 patient courses administered each week. They are growing very concerned with the emergence of the new variants, BQ.1 and BA.4.6. As they gain more prevalence nationally, there are reports of a level of resistance to the monovalent antibody therapies. Currently, they are still under EUA, but it is only a matter of time before they are rendered out. There is some report the oral antivirals will be receptive to these particular subvariants.

Ms. Roos indicated a copy of the MCCERCC Annual Plan Update – Year XIII was distributed to members prior to the meeting. Input was received from the committees, and they have been working diligently over the past months on updating the plan. The updates consist of reviewing goals from last year and creating new ones for the upcoming year. After the plan is approved by the Council, it will be reviewed by EMHSD command and ultimately be sent to the MSP director.

Mr. Eickholt made a motion that Council members approve the MCCERCC Annual Plan pending full review by the EMHSD captain and inspector. Motion was supported by Mr. Deacon. Motion approved.

New Business

Ms. Roos provided Council members with the proposed 2023 Schedule of Meetings. It was brought to her attention that it would be beneficial to the Hazard Mitigation Committee if the January 23 date was changed to January 9. BRIC applications are due January 17, and an earlier date would allow more time prior to Council determination. The 1917 conference room is the only space at MSP Headquarters that allows public access per the Open Meetings Act, so Ms. Roos will attempt to reserve this room for January 9. If unable to do so, the January 23 date will stand. Members will receive an email regarding the final decision.

Mr. Eickholt moved to accept the 2023 meeting schedule as presented with the possibility of moving the January 23 date to January 9. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sherry. Motion approved.

Public Comments

Mr. Jerry Becker reported they had a recent, sizable outbreak of Pertussis. A private clinic was established so it didn't affect the community. Mr. Smith stated he is unaware of any specific concerns the MDHHS has regarding the occurrence.

Captain Sweeney reminded everyone to vote on election day tomorrow.

Adjournment

Mr. Dulmes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by Ms. Phifer. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Mr. Brad Deacon